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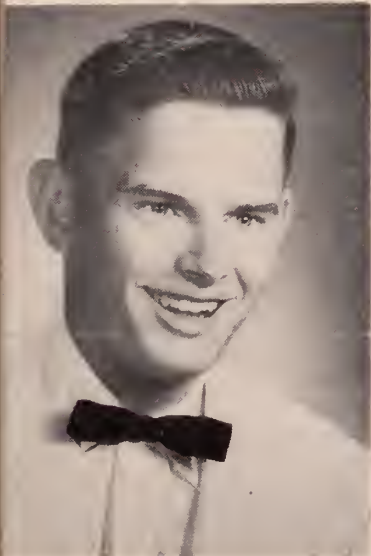


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Robert E. Sylvest



Mrs. Sylvest, Mr. Sylvest, Cadet Capt. Deney

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Here N' There

A recent copy of the *Jena Times* tells the story of Mr. E. W. Plummer receiving a football sweater just 50 years after he played on the old Louisiana State Normal School's football team in 1907.

"To be remembered for something done fifty years ago . . . well, you can understand," commented Mr. Plummer. "It fills me with mixed emotions, and I accept the honor with humility and modest pride . . ."

In a lighter vein, Mr. Plummer asked: "Now that I have my football sweater, what shall I do with it? I can't 'strut' it for many reasons—my wife, my children, and my grandchildren. So, I'll just put it away, unwrap it now and then for Auld Lang Syne, and keep it as one of my most treasured possessions."

The sweater was presented to Mr. Plummer by Coach Rags Turpin following his appearance at the Jena High School football banquet, where he was the main speaker for the occasion. In his comments Coach Turpin lauded Mr. Plummer as "Mr. All-Everything" on the 1907 team. "He played just about every position there was

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Robert Sylvest Charter Presented To R. O. T. C.

The Robert E. Sylvest Company charter of the Association of the United States Army was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Hezzie R. Sylvest of Franklinton on March 14 at ceremonies held in the Little Theater.

The local unit was named after young Sylvest, former NSC student, who died this past summer after a short illness in R. O. T. C. camp at Fort Hood, Texas.

The charter was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvest by President John S. Kyser. They in turn presented the charter to Cadet Captain Clifford Deney, president of the local unit. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvest are both graduates of Northwestern State and both of their daughters are graduates.

Officers of the local organization are Clifford Deney of Natchitoches, president; Jack Freeman of Hodge, first vice-president; Earl Kammer of New Orleans, second vice-president; Robert Kelley of Winnfield, secretary; and Percy Loftin of Haynesville, treasurer.

Membership in the Sylvest Company of the Army Association will be limited to students enrolled in the advanced R. O. T. C. here at the College and will be approved by application, according to Captain John E. Preston, faculty sponsor of the organization.

Principal speaker for the occasion of the charter presentation was Major General Yeager, a graduate of the National War College, the Armed Forces Staff Col-

lege, and the Infantry School. General Yeager served in various command capacities during the last World War, and was evacuated to the United States in December, 1944, after being wounded on four separate occasions. His combat service also earned him the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, a Unit Citation, and Cross of Military Valor of Italy.

Since that time he has served in China, Korea, and Greece.

Drill Team Ranks High

The Northwestern R. O. T. C. Drill Team was judged one of the three best marching units out of 40 such units in the Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans recently. The Drill Team is commanded by Cadet Captain Joseph Francis. The Drill Team was selected to lead the parade on Saturday night.

The Drill Team is making several appearances throughout the State, one of them being the colorful Bienville Parish Festival in Arcadia.



Pictured above are the new street lights along the drive extending from Old Science Hall to the triangle in front of the Men's Gymnasium. This picture was taken when traffic was clear in order to show some of the new parking areas that have been completed on each side of the drive. Such parking areas are built over the entire campus and have largely eliminated the problem of finding a parking place on the campus.

ALL-G.S.C. Dick Brown Receives Gift



Demon Basketball Season Ends; Brown Unanimous All-G. S. C. Choice

Breaking out of a losing streak in conference competition, the Demons won their last four games to break even in G. S. C. play, with a 5-5 conference record and a 14-13 season record.

The Demon victories in the last four games were as follows: Louisiana Tech, 56-13; Northeast State, 70-57; and Southeastern, 66-59 and 39-69. Coach Charles "Red" Thomas made some changes in the regular starting line-up and opened with an early back-court press that proved most effective against the opposition, allowing his ball hawks to steal the ball on many occasions for a fast break lay-up shot.

The return to form of Micky Crnkovic and Bobby Wicker played a large part in the Demon upsurge late in the season. The fine play of these two, combined with the stellar play of the other regulars like Brown, Leach, McCann, Atkins, Oatley, and Fontenot, brought the season to a successful ending by keeping the percentage above .500. The Demon basketball teams have had only two or three seasons since 1913 when their percentage was less than .500.

Finishing the season with a

total of 536 points, Dick Brown, unanimous choice for All-G. S. C. First Team in both 1956 and 1957, set a new record in scoring in the Demon camp. Brown also established a new record in the G. S. C. and in Demonland by amassing a total of 1,801 points in four years of competition. As a freshman, Brown scored 271 points. In succeeding years his totals were 175, 519, and 536, respectively.

Prior to the last game with Southeastern, the season's finale, Brown was presented with a watch by the Natchitoches business men in appreciation for his splendid record. Brown showed his appreciation by playing one of the better games of his career, when he led his team mates to a 30-point margin over the Lions before the regulars gave way to substitutes in the last five minutes of the game.

As a member of the G. S. C. First Team, Brown is paired with Frank Glenn and Charles Decker of McNeese, Ray Germany of Louisiana Tech, and Benny Kimble of Southeastern, a combination that has scored a total of 2,202 points this season. What a combination if one college had them all on its team!

Purple 13, White 13

As a finale to the spring football practice sessions, an intra-squad football game was held between the Purples and the Whites with all the trimmings of bands, cheerleaders, rooting sections, half-time performances, and what-have-you.

Approximately 2,000 people were on hand to get a preview of what might be in store for Demon supporters this fall. Incidentally, there were some six or eight scouts from other institutions present.

With the Purples having the heavier line and the Whites the better backfield, i. e., the usual starting backs, the two teams battled to a 13-13 draw. The statistics were all in favor of the Whites as far as yardage gained and first downs were concerned, but the results nullified any such advantage.

The coaches expressed themselves as being well pleased with the performance of the two squads, particularly since there was so little time to get in shape for the game.

NINE GAMES SCHEDULED FOR FALL

The Demon football team will play a nine-game schedule this fall. The season's opener will be against Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks, with the game being scheduled for the State Fair Stadium in Shreveport on September 14. Game time will be at 8 P. M.

The remainder of the schedule will find the Demons going against Lamar Tech at Natchitoches, September 21; McNeese State at Natchitoches, September 28; Louisiana College at Pineville, October 5; Louisiana Tech at Shreveport (State Fair Grounds), October 19; Delta State at Natchitoches, October 26; Northeast State at Natchitoches, November 2; Southwestern at Lafayette, November 9; and Southeastern at Natchitoches, November 23.

The game with Northeast State at Natchitoches has been designated as Homecoming Game and will be played at 2:30 P. M., November 2. All other games will be played at night (8:00 P. M.) unless changed by mutual agreement.

Champion Track Team To Defend Title

The Demon track team, champions of the Gulf States Conference for the past four years, will be out to win the conference championship for the fifth successive season.

With seventeen lettermen returning to action for the 1957 season, aided and abetted by seventeen former squadmen and newcomers, Coach Walter "Cajun" Ledet has

been putting his charges through their paces in an effort to repeat previous performances on the track and field in garnering another championship trophy to be placed in an already bulging trophy case.

Led by such conference stars as Charles Hennigan, Charlie Johnson, and Harold Smith, the Demons are expected to field a representative team with depth in most of the events. Newcomers on the squad will be pushing some of the regular lettermen for top spots in some of the contests.

DEMONS DEFEAT LIONS 110 1/3 TO 30 2/3

In the first meet of the season, held in Hammond on March 16, with the Southeastern Lions as hosts, the Demons placed first in all but two events, and piled up a score of 110 1/3 points to 30 2/3 points for the Lions.

Lettermen out for the team this spring are Paul Adams, Selveston "Sonny" James, and Pete Moore of Bossier City; M. B. Childress, Pelican; Sammy Essmeier, Basile; Robert Farrar, Steve Jordan, and Harold Smith, of Shreveport; Jerry Haynes, Cotton Valley; Charles Hennigan, Minden; Don Hill, Jonesboro; Dale Hoffpauir, Lake Charles; Charlie Johnson, Bastrop; Rudy Landry, Vinton; John McClellan, Overton, Texas; Harold White, Cairo, Illinois; and Bobby Wicker, Baton Rouge.

Squadmen and newcomers are Jerry Anderson, Thomas Lewis, Lud Bandaries, and Larry Ogletree, all of Shreveport; Don Bowden, Lockport; Charles Cook, Haughton; Don Deen, Mike Murphy, and Charles Tolar, Natchitoches; Benny Fowler, Alexandria; Robert Hamisee, Kenner; Judson Hale, Logansport; Burt Heckel, Shidell; Lou Leipens, Winnipeg.

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Hennigan — Track Star



Canada; Bill Spillers, Winnfield; J. D. Stockstill, Waterproof; and Joe Stout, Mansfield.

The remainder of the track schedule calls for a triangular meet with S. L. I. and Northeast State at Natchitoches on March 23; N. S. C. Relays at Natchitoches, March 29-30; S. L. I. at Lafayette on April 3; S. L. I. Relays at Lafayette, April 13; Northeast, La. College, and Stephen F. Austin at Natchitoches, April 24; La. Tech and East Texas State at Ruston, May 1; Louisiana Tech and McNeese at Natchitoches, May 11; and Gulf States Conference Meet in Ruston, May 18.

The N. S. C. Relays on March 29-30 will feature high school competition on March 29, with invitations being extended to State and out-of-state colleges for the college section on March 30.

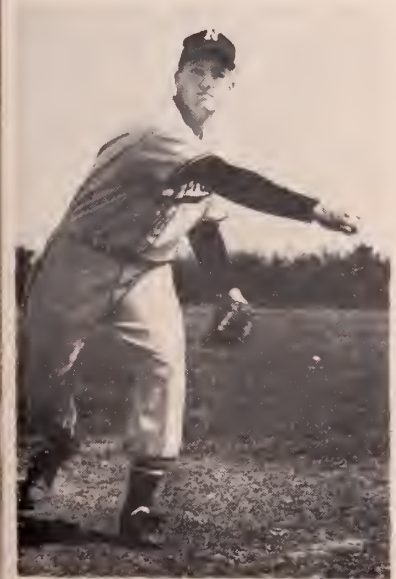
Baseball Prospects Good

Coach Alvin "Cracker" Brown will start the baseball season with sixteen former lettermen on the squad. By playing position, they are so distributed that it will be possible to field a starting line-up that is composed entirely of lettermen. This will be the first season in five years in which a minimum of five new men have not been in the starting line-up. The Demons finished the 1956 season in second place in the GSC.

The conference schedule this season has been arranged so that each conference opponent will be met three times instead of two as in former years. This arrangement calls for a double-header for each team, either at home or away from home.

The Demons will play eight games, weather permitting, before getting into conference competition. These games will be played

Cook Warms Up



in 8 consecutive days (omitting Sunday) between March 25 and April 2.

Returning lettermen to the squad are Harry Fontenot, catcher, of Beaumont; Pitchers: Morris Bruce, Natchitoches; Billy Ray Cook, Magnolia, Ark.; Robert Lewis, New Orleans; Douglas Logan, Heflin; Blake Sims, Olla; and Larry Reeves, Monroe. Sims and Reeves also play in the outfield. Infielders: Kent Gordon, Texoma, Okla.; Dick Brown, Converse; James McNew, Ferriday; Billy Booth, Farmerville; and David Sosa, Puerto Rico. Outfielders: Jerry Cloutier, Natchitoches; H. A. Butler, Beaumont; and Jerry Lott, Natchitoches.

Of the returning lettermen, Billy Ray Cook and James "Red" McNew were All-G. S. C. selections last year.

The "B" squad, composed mostly of freshmen, will supply the reserves for the varsity team. They will also schedule games with high school teams and other "B" teams of collegiate rank.

Gymnasts See Another Big Year

By BOB HUMPHREY

Northwestern State's gymnastics team will be aiming its sights for a fourth undefeated season this spring. Coach John Piscopo believes this year's squad to be "one of the largest and most versatile." Twelve returning lettermen along with some veterans and a large crop of freshmen will carry the Purple and White banners.

Five championship meets have been scheduled for the competitive season. NSC's musclemen will open

their season on March 23 in the Gulf AAU Championships in Houston, Tex. The Southern AAU Championships, April 6 in Jackson, Miss.; Mid-South Collegiate Championships, April 13 at Natchitoches; Southwestern AAU Championships, April 19 and 20 in Dallas, Tex., and a Texas Open (tentative), April 27 in Austin, Tex., will round out the remainder of the 1957 schedule.

Sonny Martinez of Baton Rouge and Barry Johnson of Texarkana, Tex., will serve as co-captains for this year's squad. Coach Piscopo will be assisted by graduate student John Hicks in polishing team members. Hicks was an outstanding tumbler in his earlier days at NSC.

The following men have been conducting workouts in the "pit" recently: Jerry Ainsworth, Shreveport; Danny Boyt, Natchitoches; Don Cook, Oil City; Melton Cook, Baton Rouge; Danny Horne, Shreveport; Loyd Hewal, Maplewood; Fielding James, Boyce; Tyrrell Leach, Shreveport; Alan Lundgren, Chicago, Ill.; Don May, Greenwood; Dave Moody, Pleasant Hill; Mickey Murphy, Haynesville; John Nipper, Texarkana, Ark.; Charles Partin, Shreveport; Bill Pearson, Ringgold; John Tinnell, Minden; John Waldo, Grand Prairie, Tex.; Henry Walton, Ferriday, and managers Charles Armstrong of Springhill and Dud Temple of Marshall, Tex.

Louisiana Open Badminton Tournament

The Louisiana Open Badminton Tournament will be held on the campus from April 5-6.

Lane and Lisa Lynn Harris



Lisa Lynn does not seem to be too happy about being held by her brother, Lane, in the picture above. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harris, Jr. (Kay Mahan, B. A. '51), of 1112 Tabor, Dayton 10, Ohio. Lisa Lynn was born last August 12. Lane, 29 months of age, was born in Germany.

The tournament is sponsored by the Department of Health and Physical Education and is sanctioned by the American Badminton Association.

Competition will be offered in the high school, college, and open division. There will be singles, doubles, and mixed doubles events in each division for men and women.

Deadline for entries in the tournament will be midnight, April 1. Entry fees are \$1 for all students in the school divisions and \$2.50 for players entering the open division. Entries should be made to Miss Pat Brown, tournament director.

Defending the open division will be John Sudbury of Ponca City, Oklahoma, who is one-time Canadian Badminton Champion. Sudbury is originally from Natchitoches.

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to play . . . he was the center, played tackle and end, was the quarterback, drop-kicked . . . you name it and Eli Plummer played it."

Back in the days when Mr. Plummer played football, and for many years afterwards, the awarding of sweaters to players was a luxury that was too expensive to be thought of by most small colleges.

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A letter from Nolan R. Comas, B. S. '51, of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, states that he is on the faculty of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts of Mayaguez.

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BASEBALL SCHEDULE

March 25	Southern Illinois University	Here
March 26	Southern Illinois University	Here
March 27	Southern Illinois University	Here
March 28	Centenary	Shreveport
March 29	Louisiana College	Here
March 30	Centenary	Shreveport
April 1	Abilene Christian College (2)	Here
April 2	Centenary	Here
April 5	*Northeast State	Monroe
April 6	*Louisiana Tech (2)	Ruston
April 12	*Southwestern	Here
April 13	*McNeese State (2)	Here
April 17	*Southeastern	Hammond
April 18	*Southeastern	Hammond
April 23	Louisiana College	Pineville
April 24	Southern State College	Magnolia
April 26	*Louisiana Tech	Here
April 27	*Northeast State (2)	Here
April 29	Centenary	Here
May 3	*McNeese State	Lake Charles
May 4	*Southwestern (2)	Lafayette
May 7	Southern State College	Here
May 11	*Southeastern	Here

*Conference game.

Cadet Lonie C. Higgins



Naval Aviation Cadet Lonie C. Higgins, former student of Uronio, recently made his first solo flight at the Soufley Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

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He has been on the staff since 1955. His primary duties are those of coaching baseball and he is also assistant track coach.

Senor and Senora Comas have two wonderful little girls, Inga, 3½, and Ilga, 2½ years of age, respectively.

Comas is planning to work on his Master's Degree in Education this summer and will most probably return to the N. S. C. campus.

He stated: "I have been receiving the Alumni Columns since graduation from Northwestern (1951), and I must say it really has been thrilling to look into my mail box each month and have news from all those that were my schoolmates. I appreciate very much the service of the Columns."

Mr. Courtney G. Snoddy, A. B. '26, principal of Bunkie Elementary School and former principal of the high school, was honored recently in recognition of his 40 years of teaching.

The surprise function was directed by members of the Besa Club of Bunkie Elementary School. Mr. C. W. Tehow, president, presided at the meeting. Those paying tribute to the work of Mr. Snoddy included State Superintendent Shelby Jackson, L. O. Campbell, Jr., president of the School Board, and Superintendent L. A. Cayer.

Highlight of the occasion was a sketch by Fred Chatelain, eighth grade teacher, portraying the life of Mr. Snoddy. Following the sketch, Mr. Snoddy gave a brief talk and thanked his audience as

he received a gift from the Besa Club.

Following the program, a reception was held in the dining room, where there was a large confection in the center of the table inscribed "In Observance of This 10th Teaching Anniversary of Principal C. G. Snoddy."

A letter from Mrs. H. J. Williams (Catherine Pace, A. B. '10), 500 East Broadway, Lubbock, Texas, states: "I'm on the move again—so change my mailing address for Alumni Columns to 500 East Broadway, Lubbock, Texas. . . . grading papers finally got me down, so I quit teaching and came to West Texas with Herold to buy another cotton gin. We ended up with a motel and are enjoying this kind of work very much."

Richard H. Stewart, A. B. '28, of 555 63rd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida, just mailed in a card to give us his new address. He says, "No, I have not retired—just working in the beautiful city of retirees." We are looking for Stewart at Homecoming in 1958, when his class will be an honored class.

According to a recent news release, Don Williford, B. S. '51, of 3102½ Midway Street, Shreveport, has been named manager of the Shreveport territory of Southwestern Life Insurance Company. His promotion from sales supervisor was announced by Agency Vice-President R. R. Davenport of Dallas.

Williford has been associated with Southwestern Life for almost two years. He has been active in

Cadet H. D. Hillen



Naval Aviation Cadet Herman D. Hillen, former student of Baton Rouge, recently graduated from the Navy's Pre-Flight School at Pensacola, Florida. He is now assigned to Soufley Field for primary flight training.

Ens. S. L. Montgomery



Ensign Sylvester L. Montgomery, former student of Benson, recently made his first solo flight at the Soufley Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

life insurance work for several years, and completed courses at Southern Methodist University's Institute of Insurance Marketing in 1948.

Charles D. Hancock, Jr., of Many, a former student at the College, a graduate of Tulane University, and a candidate for M. A. Degree from N. S. C. in June, has been employed as director of the Science Education Council's program in Caddo, Bossier, and Webster parishes.

The offices of the Science Education Council are located in Room 110 of Southwestern Gas and Electric Co. Building at Travis and Marshall Streets, Shreveport.

A letter from Mrs. Ella Holstun, graduate of "Normal" and former house-mother in Varnado Hall, states that she is planning to visit Europe this spring. She will sail from New York on April 5.

Mrs. Holstun said in part, "We, my daughter and I, have looked forward to, and planned for many years a visit to my son's grave in St. Laurent Cemetery, which is the grounds of Omaha Beach overlooking the English Channel." She also plans to visit Michel Honneger, whose address she got from the last issue of Alumni Columns.

A note from Ray H. Winn, 6525 Vicksburg Street, New Orleans, states that he is in the wholesale appliances and floor-covering business with Geo. H. Lehlitner & Co. He was somewhat surprised to learn he had been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of N. S. C. Alumni Association.

Births

Lt. and Mrs. Joseph Millican announce the arrival of a son, Mark Joseph, on January 6 at Mount Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Millican is the former Betty Ann Hawkins, B. S. '49, of Natchitoches.

The Millicans have a daughter, Marcia, who is 2½ years of age. They live at 289B South Ashburton Rd., Columbus 13, Ohio.

Dr. and Mrs. William E. Wyatt, 104 Holder Drive, Hurst, Texas, have announced the arrival of a son, Charles Cevin, on February 12. The mother is the former Winnie Dowden, B. S. '53, of Cypress.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hudnall, 500 N. Arkansas Street, Springhill, are the proud parents of their second child, Kerry Jack, who arrived on September 24. Their first child, Connie Deborah, 5, says she had much rather he had been a girl because boys fight so much. How quickly children gain such wisdom.

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